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In re Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on PCT/EP00/00779 filed on 1 February 2000.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute claims 1-6 and 8 as follows.